COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: January 23, 2001 Place: Room 118

Convened: 9:45 am Recessed: Reconvened: Adjourned: 10:30 A.M.

Present: Senators Gaskill-CH, Sexton-VC, Black-RM, Fink, Greiner

Representatives Drake-CH, Kettering-VC, Mertz-RM, Baudler, Eddie, Hahn,

May, Quirk, Schrader

Co-Chair Gaskill called the meeting to order in Room 118, Wednesday, January 23, 2001 at 9:39 am.

The roll was called, and all committee members were in attendance. Rep. Kettering moved to approve the minutes as distributed.

Senator Gaskill introduced Dr. John Schiltz, State Veterinarian, who provided a current update on the status of Psuedorabies disease in Iowa. He provided map handouts indicating January 22, 2001, infected animals, and a map showing reported outbreaks from July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000. He reported that the Psuedorabies law enacted last year has increased the number of animals sampled, and along with more diligent vaccination supervision, has resulted in favorable progress toward eradicating the disease from the State. Dr. Schiltz answered discussion questions following his presentation.

Deb Kozel, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, provided a handout containing requested information answering questions raised at the January 17, 2001 meeting regarding the Department of Natural Resources base budget.

Deb Kozel announced the agenda for tomorrow's meeting addressing Iowa parks.

Representative Baudler moved to arise, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.